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their investigation will form an important accessary to the history of the Indo-European race, and also that such an investigation will probably destroy the popular theories of their having been temples and altars of the Druids.

March 16. (Stated Meeting.)

SIR WM. R. HAMILTON, A. M., President, in the Chair.

This being the day appointed by Charter for the annual election, the following Officers and Members of Council were chosen for the ensuing year:

President—Professor Sir Wm. Rowan Hamilton, A. M.
Treasurer—Thomas Herbert Orpen, M. D.
Secretary—Joseph Henderson Singer, D.D.
Secretary to Council—Rev. Humphrey Lloyd, A. M.
Secretary of Foreign Correspondence—Sir Wm. Betham.
Librarian—Rev. William Hamilton Drummond.

Committee of Science.

Rev. Franc Sadleir, D. D. Provost of Trinity College; Rev. Humphrey Lloyd, A.M.; James Apjohn, M. D.; James Mac Cullagh, Esq. A. M.; William Stokes, M. D.; Rev. William Digby Sadleir, A. M.; Robert Ball, Esq.

Committee of Polite Literature.

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin; Rev. Joseph H. Singer, D. D.; Andrew Carmichael, Esq.; Samuel Litton, M. D.; Rev. William H. Drummond; Rev. Charles Richard Elrington, D. D.; Rev. Charles William Wall, D. D.

Committee of Antiquities.

Thomas Herbert Orpen, M. D.; Sir William Betham; George Petrie, Esq.; Rev. Cæsar Otway, A. B.; the Very

Rev. the Dean of St. Patrick's; Rev. James Henthorn Todd B. D.; Henry J. Monck Mason, Esq. LL. D.

The President under his hand and seal appointed the following Vice-Presidents:

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin; The Provost; Samuel Litton, M. D.; Rev. Humphrey Lloyd.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts reported as follows:

"Examined the above Account,* with the vouchers produced, and found it to be correct; and we find that there is a balance in bank of £229 2*s.* 5*d.*; and in the Treasurer's hands £178 16*s.* 11*d.*, making a total balance of £407 19*s.* 4*d.* sterling.

"(Signed,)

"FRANC SADLEIR,

"SAMUEL LITTON."

"*Feb.* 19*th*, 1838."

"The Treasurer reports that there are the following portions of Stock in the Bank of Ireland to the credit of the Academy:

"£1500 in 3 per Cent. Consols.

"£1500 in 3½ per Cent. Government Stock, being the Cunningham Fund.

"(Signed,)

"FRANC SADLEIR.

"SAMUEL LITTON.

"*Dec.* 31, 1837."

The Dean of St. Patrick's read a paper giving an account of the Medals and Medallists connected with Ireland, from the period of Charles the Second (when the first medal was struck that had any reference to that kingdom) to the pre-

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* Entered in the Treasurer's Book.

sent time. They were classed according to the different reigns, and the events which they recorded were noticed. Some biographical memoirs of the Mossops, father and son, were also introduced; individuals of whom but little is known, even in Dublin, their native city, beyond those works which have long been admired as worthy of the best days of the medallic art.

Mr. Todd, for Mr. Petrie, read a paper by the late Dr. West, "on the Ancient Geography of Gaul and the British Isles." The principal object of this paper is to ascertain whether the Belgæ were of Teutonic or Celtic origin, and whether they spoke a Gaelic, or Irish, or a Cumric or Welch dialect of the Celtic; the author inclined to the opinion that they were of Celtic origin, and spoke a dialect of the Cumric, more resembling the Cornish than the Welsh, but different from the Erse or Gaelic; he brought many curious and valuable facts to support his theory.

DONATIONS.

Comptes Rendus Hebdomadaires des Séances de l'Academie des Sciences. Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, for the year 1838. *Avec Tables Alphabetiques.* Presented by the Institute.

Transactions of the Cambridge Philosophical Society. Vol. VI. Part 2. Presented by the Society.

Flora Batava. By Jan Koops and H. C. Van Hall. Nos. 112 and 113. Presented by the Authors.

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London. For the year 1837. Parts 1 and 2. Presented by the Society.

List of the Fellows of the Royal Society. November 30, 1837. Presented by the same.

Address of his Royal Highness the President of the Royal Society, held at the Anniversary Meeting, November 30th, 1837. Presented by the same.

Abstracts of the Papers printed in the Philosophical

Transactions of the Royal Society of London, from 1830 *to* 1837, *inclusive.* Vol. III. 1830 to 1837. Presented by the same.

Proceedings of the Royal Society of London. Nos. 28, 29, 30. Presented by the same.

Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland. No. 8. Presented by the Society.

Essays on Unexplained Phenomena. By Graham Hutchinson. Presented by the Author.

On the Functions of the Cerebellum, by Drs. Gall, Vimont, and Broussais. Translated from the French by George Combe. Also, *Answers to the Objections urged against Phrenology by Drs. Roget, Rudolphi, Prichard, and Tiedemann.* By George Combe and Dr. A. Combe. 8vo. Edinburgh, 1838. Presented by George Combe, Esq.

Bulletin de la Société Geologique de France. Tom. IX. Feuilles 1—5, 1837 *à* 1838. Presented by the Society.

March 26. (Adjourned Meeting.)

SIR WM. R. HAMILTON, A. M., President, in the Chair.

A paper, by Mr. Carroll, on the Motion of the Boomerang, was read. In this paper the author seeks to explain the properties of the flight of the weapon by assimilating the effect of the air's resistance on it to that exerted upon a flat circular disc.

Professor Lloyd, V. P. made a few observations upon the same subject, in which he endeavoured to show that the peculiar movement of this projectile was but an extreme case of acknowledged laws. When a body moves in a resisting medium, and when the resultant of all the forces of resistance, which act upon the several portions of its surface, is not contained in the vertical plane of projection, the body must deviate from that plane. This is generally the case in